

House Resolution 2221

By: Representative Cheokas of the 134<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the 40th Biennial Clergy Laity Congress; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, every two years, parishes, clergy, laity, and Philoptochos members of the Greek  
4 Orthodox Archdiocese gather to review accomplishments, chart a new path for the next two  
5 years, and learn new things about the Greek Orthodox faith and its practice; and

6 WHEREAS, the 40th Biennial Clergy Laity Congress will take place in Atlanta, Georgia,  
7 from July 4 through 8, 2010; and

8 WHEREAS, this gathering of Greek Orthodox Christians will be an opportunity for all  
9 attendees to examine the many wonderful functions of the metropolitan Atlanta area as well  
10 as to share their hopes, dreams, and vision of the future in order to promote the spiritual  
11 growth of present and future generations of Orthodox Christians in metropolitan Atlanta; and

12 WHEREAS, there will be many opportunities during the Clergy Laity Congress and  
13 Philoptochos Congress for the attendees to meet in educational seminars, gather in business  
14 meetings, and join in prayer to achieve the purposes of this biannual gathering of Greek  
15 Orthodox Christians; and

16 WHEREAS, this amazing four-day event will feature a Fourth of July celebration at the  
17 Greek Orthodox Annunciation Cathedral of Atlanta, a unique tour of the Georgia Aquarium,  
18 and a Grand Banquet, in addition to great fellowship and educational opportunities; and

19 WHEREAS, the 2010 Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Clergy Laity Assembly will be a great  
20 success due to the outstanding leadership, vision, and organization of the event's dedicated  
21 cochairmen, Bill Marianes and Nick Moraitakis; and

22 WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta serves as an amazing location for the 40th Biennial Clergy  
23 Laity Congress, providing visitors with the chance to experience Atlanta's dining, shopping,  
24 music, and attractions, a mix of Southern hospitality with the excitement of a major  
25 metropolitan city; and

26 WHEREAS, Metropolitan Alexios, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Atlanta, is proud to  
27 serve as the host of this amazing gathering; and

28 WHEREAS, the members of this body and the people of Georgia welcome the 40th Biennial  
29 Clergy Laity Congress to their fine Southern state and the City of Atlanta.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
31 the members of this body commend the 40th Biennial Clergy Laity Congress and welcome  
32 its participants to the City of Atlanta.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Archbishop Demetrius of the  
35 Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America; Metropolitan Alexios, the Greek Orthodox  
36 Metropolis of Atlanta; and the cochairs of the 40th Biennial Clergy Laity Congress, Bill  
37 Marianes and Nick Moraitakis.